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Sale of Haifa Harbour Estate.

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References

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 22nd November, 1947.

R. 22nd " " 17.55 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 2235 Top Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S.
Repeated to U.K.D.E.L. New York No. 1620
(S. of S. please pass).

It is possible that the Jewish Agency propaganda machine may be turned on to prevent sale of Haifa Harbour Estate. Inspired article in local press includes the statement that the Government of the Jewish State "will have the right to cancel all transactions effected without their consent and without the consent of the present Zionist representative". This line is scarcely calculated to inspire confidence in a Jewish State, but I have considered it advisable to issue the following statement today:- "The land which the Government is offering for sale at Haifa was created by reclamation undertaken by the Government when Haifa Harbour was constructed. The funds expended on reclamation formed part of a loan raised in the United Kingdom in 1926 and (?Harbour) loan has been borne as a charge on revenues of the Government of Palestine.

For some time the Government has had under consideration the desirability of selling this land, and proceeds of such a sale (as of any other sale of State domain) would be credited to revenue in the usual manner. The Government is not considering any other realization of land assets beyond the normal small sales of State Domain.

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